

## Community Assessment Program Area 9 Report to the Community

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on May 14, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 9 is bordered on the north by North Dakota Street, on the east by 116<sup>th</sup> and 115<sup>th</sup> on the south by Walnut Street and on the west by 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Summer Crest Drive. The area is zoned and developed residential

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – The walkers commented on the very nice landscaping within this area. Two different groups commented on 11875 Summer Crest.

**Storm drain stenciling** – Few of the storm drains in the area are stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Clogged catch basins** – The Public Works Department will send a crew out to clear out clogged catch basins where noted. Keeping the catch basins clear is important to insure that rain water is directed where it is designed to go. You can help by not dumping debris of any kind down the storm drain and by calling the Public Works Department if you notice a catch basin that needs to be cleaned out. Questions? contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us).

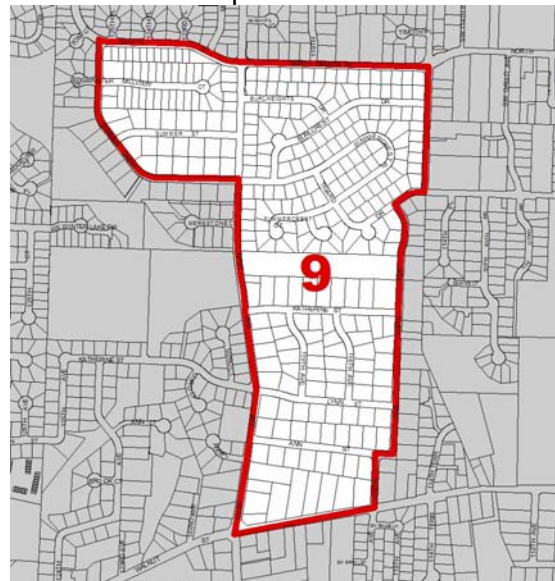
**Graffiti** – Several instances of graffiti were noticed in this area. The reports have been forwarded to the Police department for follow-up action, which includes photographing the graffiti for record and notifying the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop). If you spot graffiti or have questions contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location.

**Basketball hoops in right-of-way** – We found several instances where basketball hoops are on sidewalks which are in the public right-of-way. Did you know that basketball hoops aren't allowed in the public right-of-way? An article detailing the rules for placement of basketball hoops will appear in

Photo of area 9



Map of Area 9



the May Cityscape. Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Weeds/Shrubs blocking sidewalks** – In several locations residents have allowed their shrubs and/or weeds to grow onto the sidewalk. All vegetation should be clear of sidewalks. If your bushes or weeds have experienced a recent growth spurt please trim them back away from the sidewalk. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) . You may also find information on the City's web site at [www.ci.tigard.or.us](http://www.ci.tigard.or.us).

**Overgrown vegetation on private property** – Did you know that any grass over 12 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Trip Hazards on sidewalks** – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling etc in the sidewalk that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Businesses without paid business tax** – All businesses including home based businesses in Tigard must pay an annual business tax. If you own a business in this area, please make sure your business tax payment is current. Please contact Heather at 503-639-4171 ext. 2487 or [heather@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:heather@ci.tigard.or.us) if you have questions. In addition to paying the business tax, you must have an approved home occupation permit to conduct business from your home. Please contact the permit counter at 503-639-4171 ext 2421.

**Addresses not visible** – There are many homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or [27047@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:27047@ci.tigard.or.us)

More ways you can help make our community better –

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The "dump no waste, drains to stream" message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.